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may we QUOTE



you on that?

[1] Pres DWIGHT D EISENHOWER, marking *Human Rights Day*: "The terror imposed upon Hungary (by Soviet officials) repudiates and negates every article in the Declaration of Human Rights." . . . [2]

JOHN FOSTER DULLES, U S Sec'y of State: "Internal pressures may well topple Soviet Communism and end the dangerous division of the globe."

. . . [3] GUY MOLLET, Premier of France, on recent *Suez issue*: "If I had been the American Sec'y of State I should have tried to understand better the real problems which faced the British and French."

. . . [4] Vice Pres RICHARD M NIXON, in a "*fault-on-both-sides*" *Suez statement*: "Now is the time for us all to recognize that recriminations and fault-finding will serve no purpose whatever. The cause of freedom could serve no greater disaster than to allow this or any other incident to drive a wedge between us and our allies." . . . [5]

VICTOR G REUTHER, Methodist layman and labor leader, addressing *Nat'l Council of Churches of Christ*: "The church,

because it is concerned with people, has responsibility to hasten automation, to bring it about in an orderly way, to minimize social dislocation." . . . [6] Sen STYLES

BRIDGES (R-NH): "We need a for'gn policy that our friends can understand, and most important of all, one that our enemies can understand."

. . . [7] CHAS SHUMAN, pres, American Farm Bureau Fed'n: "I am convinced that farmers would have rec'd higher average prices . . . if gov't supports had not, in effect, prevented price changes."

. . . [8] ROBT S SHRIVER, Jr. pres, Chicago Bd of Education: "The parent accepts even the school's evaluation of the emotional and psychological health of the child. What is left of parenthood? Paying bills."

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On another page of this issue we quote Wm James, who in his turn quotes an aged English proverb, on the prevalence of a certain paving mat'l in the nether regions.

This, we have ever held, is a smug and specious surmise, and never more in question than at this season of intellectual inventory, when we are unduly cognizant of our sundry sins of omission. "If hell is paved with good intentions," says philosopher Seabury, "heaven is built upon a compassionate acceptance of them."

Man lives in his tomorrows. But he is too often, and too mercilessly, pumelled by his yesterdays. Remorse and regret conspire to torture his present hrs. And it is one of the ironies of life that this badgering pair so often pick on the wrong people! The saintly are overwhelmed by their sins. The conscientious suffer the pangs of conscience. Confessionals are crowded by those whose gravest offenses are against themselves. Do not become sunk in this mire of misery.

You are a sinner. You fall tragically short of your own high standards of human conduct. You are a sinner. And in your frailty, you are companioned by all mankind. When Jesus Christ, whose birthday we now mark, issued his edict: "Let him who is without sin first cast a stone," it is not recorded that there was any sudden surge of missile-bearers.

You are a sinner. But you also are a nobleman. Goodness and mercy impel you. Tolerance is your talisman; the love of man, your guiding star. Sometimes you falter; often you fail. Yet earnestly and instinctively you *seek* the path of righteousness. And so, as we come again to Christmastide and the divinely-inspired season of Beginning Again, it should comfort us to reflect that not even God grows perfect trees.

Be reconciled.

You are a better person than you think!



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ADVICE—1

Maybe you never thought of it, but there is a big difference between giving advice and lending a helping hand.—*Tit-Bits*, London.

AGE—2

A man is as young as he feels . . . after trying to prove it.—T HARRY THOMPSON, *Sales Mgt.*

ASIA—3

In Asian eyes, Russia has solved most of the problems with which Asia still struggles. That is why Russian propaganda has strong appeal in Asian circles when it proclaims: "Look at what we did in 35 yrs. It took America 165 yrs to achieve the same results. Why not do it our way?"—WM O DOUGLAS, Supreme Ct Justice, "An Understanding of Asia," *Rotarian*, 12-'56.

BEHAVIOR—4

What the world requires is more elucidation of the obvious and less clarification of the obscure. If we could only act on what we see and know, we could probably accomplish much more than by just frowning our brows over the mysteries and profundities of life and trying to make some sense out of them. — J R COMINSKY, in *Personnel Jnl.*

BELIEF—5

What people believe, shapes what they are.—WALTER D COCKING, editor, *School Executive*.

CHILD—Training—6

There is no evidence whatsoever that little Susan or Jr will be "conditioned" or harmed in any way by believing in Santa Claus . . . You will not retard your child by feeding his imaginative mind, as well as his hunger for realism. Imagery is like vitamins, the invisible secret of our nourishment. Your modern child, however brilliant or however average, will not suffer from absorbing a few folk tales dating back some hundreds of yrs. On the contrary, he will be infinitely enriched. —OREN ARNOLD, "Santa Claus—Is He Good Or Bad For Our Children?" *Better Homes & Gardens*, 12-'56.

CHRISTMAS—7

Christmas symbolizes our deepest aspirations for peace and for good will among men. . . Peace is the right of every human being.—PRES DWIGHT D EISENHOWER.

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For most of us it can be a Happy Christmas if by happiness we mean that we have done with doubts, that we have set our hearts against fear, that we still believe in the Golden Rule for all mankind.—FRANKLIN D ROOSEVELT.

Quote

washington

By Les & Liz
Carpenter



Still up in the air at this late date is the White House social season—which implies that again this yr there won't be any. The 6 white-tie dinners and 5 fruit-punch receptions were called off last winter because of Pres Eisenhower's health. The White House staff, which normally would have the guest lists made up and much planning done by this time, doesn't yet have the word from the 1st family on official White House entertaining. They can't move until told to do so. They're suspicious that the world's troubled condition will be used as the excuse to call it off. It'll come as a disappointment to hundreds who otherwise would be entertained at the White House.

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The cocktail circuit here is defining the hors d'oeuvre table as "the pause that refreshes."

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Christmas has brought a new controversy to the Pentagon—over how Happy Holidays should be wished. Army memo 608-1 directs that civilian and military personnel should exchange good wishes orally, to relieve strain on Pentagon mail-sorting room. Said one Pentagon worker: "It took me an entire day to get around the bldg saying 'Merry Christmas' to those to whom I normally would have mailed a card—on my own time."

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CHRISTMAS—8

If there were no Christmas, would we love little children—and one another—as much? Would another day have been set apart for a frank display of the finest sentiments of which the human heart is capable? Could any other event than the birth and life of the greatest Man who ever lived have inspired a day so fraught with loving kindness and sweet charity?

The joyous thing about Christmas is that we realize for an all too brief season that life is much more than making a living. We take time to stop and smile and be friendly with everybody. We look into one another's souls and we see kindness, gentleness, sympathy and understanding, where we had thought to behold only selfishness, indifference and greed.

As long as this is true we may rest assured that no one will ever be able to cut Christmas out of the calendar, nor out of the hearts of humanity.—*Nuggets*, hm, Barnes Co.

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A friend was commenting on a Christmas greeting sent her from Nazareth, the boyhood home of Christ. "A manger scene?" we asked.

"You'd think so," she said, "or at least some Holy Land illustration. But it wasn't. Instead, some kittens playing with a ball of string. And a 'Made in Canada' imprint." —*K V P Philosopher*.

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Halford E Luccock tells the story of a woman who said she did not care too much for the Christmas hymns because they were so dreadfully theological. There is something dreadfully theological about Christmas.—*New Christian Advocate*.

book briefs



Discussing a new promotion piece sponsored by the *N Y Times* — a pamphlet titled, *Books in the Home*, Francis Ludlow, editor of the *Retail Bookseller*, opines that the brochure might have been more artfully titled. After all, he points out, people who *want* to put books in their homes are no problem. The hope is to entice people who are *not* book-buyers. "The ideal title would be something like 'How to Put Elvis Presley (or Marilyn Monroe) in the Home.' In an exaggerated way this illustrates the kind of thing we think is necessary to persuade home-owners or apartment dwellers to use bookshelves as interior decoration."

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Guy Endore, whose *The King of Paris* is a fictional treatment of the life of Dumas, next plans to present Mark Twain as the central character of a novel. "I want," he explains, "to present him as a great human being, in contact with many phases of American life. He was active in the gold rush, the steamboat era, and in the colorful literary life of our early 20th Century."

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It is not too uncommon for a couple of publishers, working independently, to come up with identical—or very similar—titles for new books. But so far as we know, this season presents the only instance of one piece of art used, unwittingly, for the jackets of two books of similar theme. Appleton's *Battles and*

Among the books that have unhappy endings, include the family check book.—*Kroehler News*, hm, Kroehler Mfg Co.

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Leaders of the Civil War, edited by Ned Bradford, and *Sound of the Guns*, by Fairfax Downey (McKay) both employ a well-known painting of the Battle of Gettysburg as background for the jacket design.

Mention of these volumes, incidently, brings to mind an apprehension we've been harboring for some time. At the rate Civil War volumes have been appearing of late, what will be left for the centennial celebration a few yrs hence?

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Rather a nice familial touch in a recent issue of *The New Yorker*. They devoted a page to listing, and describing in some detail, books by their contributors published within the yr.

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Sacha Guitry has written a book, soon to be published in France, which may perhaps qualify as the most expensive volume in the world. The first copy will be sold for 5 million francs. But the author hastens to add that there will be a popular edition—at 500,000 francs.

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CRITICISM—9

The late Melville Gideon, the composer, was complaining one day in N Y about an unjust critic.

"That critic," he said, "reminds me of a hotelkeeper in the mountains. Paderewski on a concert tour had to stay at the man's mountain hotel for a time, and he remonstrated one evening about the piano. It needed tuning.

"Phaw, the piano's all right," said the hotelkeeper. "It sounds real good to me."

"Good!" said Paderewski, "why, there are 3 notes in the bass that don't play at all."

"Yeh," sneered the hotelman, "and if you was any kind of a player you'd know how to skip them."—*Watchman-Examiner*.

DEMOCRACY—10

Everything for which democracy stands is based on religious faith. Neither enlightened self-interest nor practical ethics can make an effective substitute. — ELBERT D THOMAS, quoted in *Good Business*.

EDUCATION—11

In recent yrs the educational part of the American dollar has cont'd to shrink. We still spend more for alcoholic beverages than we do for schools. As the late Prof Henry Stuart used to say, a person's sense of values is revealed in the way he spends his money. A nation's sense of values is revealed in the same way. There is little evidence that most Americans really believe education is essential to the strength of America.—Editorial, *Christian Century*.

Quote

FAMILY LIFE—12

There is never much trouble in any family where the children hope someday to resemble their parents.

—WM LYON PHELPS, *Autobiography With Letters* (Oxford Univ Press).

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Children, large or small, few or many, may often tear up a house—but it is seldom they ever break up a home.—*Successful Farming*.

Quote scrap book

WILLIAM JAMES, born 115 yrs ago (Jan 11, 1842) was a founder of modern psychology. This excerpt is from his *Principles of Psychology*, published in 1890:

No matter how good one's sentiments may be, if one has not taken advantage of every concrete opportunity to act, one's character may remain entirely unaffected for the better. With mere good intentions, hell is proverbially paid.

FEAR—13

The only sure way to take fear out of living is to keep a respectful fear of God in our lives, which means to maintain a reverent attitude toward His place and influence in the scheme of things. This brand of fear is a healthy ingredient, a deterrent to want, a spur to courage and confidence, an insurance against loss, a source of comfort and understanding at any age. — EUGENE CARR, "Freedom from Fear," *Canton (Ohio) Repository*.

GENIUS—14

Creative genius is the ability to effect unusual combinations of elements nobody else would think of putting together, and to do so in a way that makes the combination click. That goes for genius in any form: artistic, literary or musical; inventive or scientific; military, political or economic.—*Mgt Briefs*.

GIFTS—Giving—15

Let us give as God gives, unreservedly, and with no thought of return; making no mental demands for recompense upon those who have rec'd gifts from us. A gift with reservations is not a gift; it is a bribe.—CHAS FILLMORE, *Prosperity*.

GOD—and Man—16

The old Latin saw "I am a man, and nothing human is alien to me," may be applied to God himself: "I am God, and nothing—no field of man's interest, no area of his study—is alien to me."—W NORMAN PRITTER, "God's Secular Incognito," *Christian Century*, 11-14-'56.

GOVERNMENT—17

Government is the art of the momentarily feasible, of aiming at the least bad attainable, and not of the rationally most desirable.—BERNARD BERENSON, *Rumor and Reflection* (Simon & Schuster).

HAPPINESS—18

If happiness could be bought, we'd probably be unhappy at the price tag.—*Grit*.

HEALTH—19

To most people, the theory that heart disease comes from fat food is much less palatable than the older and more familiar explanation that it is the price of success in a high-tension world. . . A Brit-

After the carols have faded
And the gifts have been tucked away.

And the candles are stubs of
formless wax

And the snow is a brownish
gray—

After the holly withers,

And the berries are rusted
brown,

And the carpets sparkle with
tintseled fir

Where needles come tumbling
down—

After the dream has ended,

And the embers are burning
low,

May the Christ, the Heart of
Christmas

Still brighten the after glow.

— ALICE E KENNELLY, *Mutual Moments*, hm, Mutual Benefit Health & Accident Ass'n.

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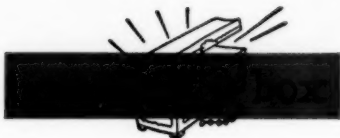
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ish physician, D A E Arnott, put it bluntly, writing in the *British Medical Jnl*: "How much nicer it is, when stricken with a coronary thrombosis, to be told that it is all due to hard work, laudable ambition and selfless devotion than to be told it is due to gluttony and physical indolence."—STEVEN M SPENCER, "Are You Eating Your Way to a Heart Attack?" *Sat Eve Post*, 12-1-'56.

HUMAN RELATIONS—21

The only bricks of the house of mankind are the forbearing hearts of innumerable separate persons.—ALBERT SCHWEITZER, famed missionary doctor.

Quote



Epiphany

Epiphany is an interesting and little-understood celebration of the Christian Church. It falls annually on Jan 6, the Twelfth Day after Christmas, and marks the end of seasonal festivities.

The word comes to us from the Greek *epiphaneia* — *epi* meaning upon and *phanio*, show. The English connotation signifies a manifestation or appearance. In Christianity, it commemorates the visit of the wise men to Bethlehem.

Epiphany, by ancient custom, concluded with the revels of Twelfth Night. It is reasonable to assume that we now approach the 355th anniversary of the 1st performance of Shakespeare's comedy, *Twelfth Night*. We know, from the diary of John Manningham, that this new play was being acted very early in 1602. The night for which it was named would seem a logical opening date.

Twelfth Night revels reached their height in the reign of Queen Elizabeth, and boisterous festivities continued for many yrs thereafter. These lawless outbursts, led by the Lord of Misrule and a Jester, so repelled the Puritans that, in England, they rejected Christmas entirely. This, also, was the primary reason for banning the observance of Christmas in early New England.

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IDEAS—22

If we win in the war of ideas, it will be by love, sacrifice and devotion to Christian principles. — DR THEODORE F ADAMS, pres, Baptist World Alliance, *Alliance Wkly*.

KINDNESS—23

The art of true civilization is the art of being kind.—ASHLEY MONTAGU, "Women are not Second-Rate Men," *Ladies' Home Jnl*, 12-'56.

LANGUAGE—24

It matters little what make of car we drive, how nattily we are dressed or how well stocked are our wine cellars. Nobody is anybody until he can express himself in attractive language. — H R NOVROS, "Speech Makes the Man," *Toastmaster*, 12-'56.

MATURITY—25

You are only young once, but you can stay immature indefinitely. — R & R Mag, hm, Ins Research & Review Service.

MODERN AGE—26

The full dinner pail used to interest the average working man, but today he wants a full gas tank. — *Journeyman Barber*.

MIND—27

Horse sense, naturally, dwells in a stable mind. — *Nuggets*, hm, Barnes-Ross Co.

PERSISTENCE—28

Nothing in the world can take the place of persistence. Talent will not; nothing is more common than unsuccessful men with talent. Genius will not; unrewarded genius is almost a proverb. Education will not; the world is full of educated derelicts. Persistence and determination are omnipotent.—Quoted by T HARRY THOMPSON, *Sales Mgt*.

pathways to the past



Jan 6—Epiphany . . . Twelfth Night (see GEM BOX) . . . 55 yrs ago (1902) Nicholas Murray Butler elected pres of Columbia Univ. He held the post 43 yrs; brought enrollment from 4,000 to 23,000 . . . 15 yrs ago (1942) Pres Franklin D Roosevelt set the nation a "staggering" production goal for War II armaments, including 60,000 planes, 45,000 tanks.

Jan 7—175th anniv (1782) founding of Bank of North America, in Philadelphia, 1st U S bank of deposit and issue (merged in 1928 into the present Pennsylvania Company for Banking & Trusts) . . . 165th anniv (1792) b of Lowell Mason, American composer of hymns; pioneer in public-school music study . . . 30 yrs ago (1927) transatlantic commercial telephone service was established between London and N Y. Altho the charge was \$75 for 3 min's (approx 10 times the present rate) the service was widely used. Wall St transacted some \$6 million worth of for'gn exchange business the 1st day.

Jan 8—25th anniv (1932) of historic Culbertson-Lenz bridge tournament. Culbertson won, establishing a signal victory for his "forcing" system and greatly enhancing his reputation as an authority.

Jan 9—50 yrs ago (1907) Buffalo, N Y, was astir with news of a radically new type of industrial bldg to be erected by the Larkin Co. The designer was a 38-yr-old Chicago architect, already beginning to

make quite a name for himself—Frank Lloyd Wright.

Jan 10—220th anniv (1737) b of Ethan Allen, Revolutionary hero; leader of the "Green Mountain Boys."

Jan 11—200th anniv (1757) b of Alexander Hamilton; brilliant figure of American Revolution; chief author of *Federalist* essays, urging a strong central gov't; 1st Sec'y of U S Treasury. He was killed in a duel with Aaron Burr. (Each yr, on Hamilton's b'day, Sec'y of Treasury places a wreath on his statue, near the Treasury bldg.) . . . 150th anniv (1807) b of Ezra Cornell, American capitalist, founder Cornell Univ . . . 115th anniv (1842) b of Wm James, American philosopher and psychologist. 50 yrs ago (1907) he published *Pragmatism*, one of his most widely discussed books.

Jan 12—145 yrs ago (1812) 1st steamboat to ply the Mississippi River (the *New Orleans*) arrived at New Orleans. Made by Rob't Fulton and associates, the vessel's engine proved inadequate for the ret'n (up-stream) trip. Nevertheless, the glorious Age of Steam had come to the mighty Mississippi . . . 105th anniv (1852) b of Jos Jacques Joffre, French field marshal; victor of the Marne (1914).

Quote



Prompt gov't action in liberalizing immigration regulations to permit entrance of 21,500 Hungarian refugees, has met with gen'l approval. A quickly-taken Gallup poll found about 50% of our people, on a nationwide average, receptive to the idea of "taking in" a refugee. In San Francisco, to cite a typical example, the *News* launched a campaign to find 100 sponsors for homeless Hungarians, and reached its quota within 24 hrs.

The figure of 21,500 will seem to most of us an impressive total, out it is interesting to reflect that 50 yrs ago (1907) immigration in this country reached its all-time peak with 1,285,349 persons admitted. Since our population then was just about half the present figure, people were becoming a little concerned. "Too many foreigners" was a common complaint.

It was in 1907 that we finally got around to passage of the much-discussed Immigration Act. This bill was designed to have only a mild tightening effect. It excluded certain undesirables, raised the head tax on aliens to \$4, set up a commission to investigate immigration.

For the decade ending in 1910, we admitted more than 8 million immigration. After that period the number diminished rapidly. By '40 it was down to a scant 50,000 a yr.

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POPULATION—29

Larger families are on the increase. In '53, births of 2nd children were 91% greater than they were in '40; births of 3rd children, 86% greater; 4th children 61% greater; and 5th children, more than 15% greater. Prof Wm L. Wheaton, of the Univ of Pennsylvania, says the number of large families will increase in the future. — DORON K. ANTRIM, "Babies Are Making U S Parents Wealthy," *Catholic Digest*, 12-'56.

RESEARCH—30

Forty yrs ago the number of research lab'ies in this country was about 100. Today it is over 3,000. The am't of money spent for research today is 23 times what it was in 1930.—RUDOLPH E. LANGER, Univ of Wis, "Time is Running Out," *Mathematics Teacher*, 10-'56.

RETIREMENT—31

It may well be advisable to stop some activity at a certain age, but only to take up some new activity. Retirement from life is idiotic.—Dr MARTHA GUMPERT, *Jnl of Lifetime Living*.

SERVICE—to Others—32

Our civilization is apparently not concerned in giving service, but in demanding and getting "rights." Today, man wants what he hasn't earned, reaps what he hasn't sowed. All too common is the philosophy that a man is entitled to anything he can put his hand on. It is the gospel of irresponsibility. It is freedom gone mad. Life needs to be measured in terms of higher loyalty. The fundamental principle of human society should not be self-will but self-surrender. Without a higher law of service and good will, neither democracy nor civilization can survive.—Dr J R Sizoo.

TAXES—33

It is hard to believe that America was founded to avoid taxation.—*Town Jnl.*

TIME & SPACE—34

I am of the conviction that future generations will regard our current preparations for launching a manmade satellite with much the same antiquarian interest as we now recall Benj Franklin launching his kite in a thunderstorm—For I have faith and confidence that our schools and teachers will train effectively for the world of tomorrow, for an age of such political freedom, cultural achievement, and spiritual splendor as man has never dared dream. — HEROLD C HUNT, *Texas Outlook.*

WEATHER—35

Human relationships everywhere would be more peaceful and unruffled—says Prof Clarence S Mills of the Univ of Cincinnati— if people only would realize the effect of weather on their dispositions and make proper allowance for little flareups. . . There are a number of atmospheric conditions which, individually and collectively, affect human moods. Weather changes, barometric pressure, temperatures, electricity, and sunspots among them. They affect health, tempers, and efficiency.—Dr W SCHWEISHEIMER, "Why You Get the Barometer Blues," *Trained Men*, Internat'l Correspondence Schools.

WORLD RELATIONS—36

There never has been, there isn't now and there never will be, any face or people on the earth fit to serve as masters over their fellow men.—FRANKLIN D ROOSEVELT, *The Wit and Wisdom of Franklin D Roosevelt* (Beacon).



A New York local of the Amalgamated Lithographers of America has contributed \$8,500 toward an educational program, the primary purpose of which is to induce employers to purchase more new automatic equipment. Says the local president: "Automation helps get products to the consumer more economically, broadens activity in the industry, and thus provides more jobs for everybody."

You may have noted in news releases that Pres Eisenhower has raised objection to the sale of Holiday decanters carrying the names and inaugural dates of all U S Presidents. Actually, the decanters were intended as inaugural souvenirs, for sale on and after Jan 20. And here's the ironic touch: Sponsor of the idea contracted for the decanters well in advance, and as a hedge, ordered equal quantities bearing names and dates of Eisenhower and Stevenson. They were about to junk the Stevenson labels when someone had a hunch and placed a few Stevenson decanters (empty) with novelty dealers. Bidding became so brisk that the New England Antique Dealer's Ass'n stepped in and set a price of \$25 each on the items—which is substantially more than you'd pay for the regular decanter, filled with prime Old Boston.

Quote



Wilson Mizner asked a shady promoter if he'd made a New Year's resolution yet. "Yup," said the promoter, "from now on I'm going to follow the Ten Commandments." Said Mizner, "You've been following them all your life. Why don't you resolve this yr to catch up with them?"—BOB HANSEN, *Eagle*. a

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A stranger in town paused to watch a merry-go-around operating on a vacant lot. Most of the customers were happy children, but his attention was drawn to a miserable looking old man riding one of the wooden horses. What struck him as strange was every time the merry-go-round stopped the little old man made no attempt to get off. He continued to sit on the horse, but wearing a most unhappy expression. At length curiosity overcame the stranger, and when next the man on the horse stopped opposite him he said; "Pardon me, sir, but do you enjoy going round and round like this?"

"Not a doggone bit!" snapped the old man.

"Then why do you do it?"

"Bill Hoskins, the guy that owns this dadburned thingumajig, owes me \$5 and this is the only way I can get it out of him."—*Nuggets*, hm, Barnes-Ross Co. b

Quote

I LAUGHED AT THIS ONE

MARTHA MACK SENCABAUGH

"What's the hurry?" asked the motorcycle policeman, waving us to the curb.

My husband sought to explain. In our rush to see a cousin and her new baby at the hospital, before visiting hrs were over, we had unintentionally exceeded the speed limit.

But the explanation was pretty effectively drowned out by a riveting crew across the street, going full blast. Only an occasional word sifted thru to the impatient officer—"hospital . . . baby . . . not much time. . ."

The officer peered over at me. I was swathed in a blanket up to my shoulders, because of the zero weather. With an understanding grin, he waved us back to the highway. As we drove away, somewhat dazed, he called after us, "Sure, and I hope it's a boy!"

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Seeing a car rolling down the st without a driver, a man dashed from the sidewalk, clambered into the car, and slammed on the brakes. A 2nd man appeared from the back of the car, puffing and complaining, "What's the big idea? I'm outa gas, I'm pushin' my car to a gas station, and you're the 3rd quick thinker I've met in the last 2 blocks!"—*L & N Mag*, hm, Louisville & Nashville Ry. c

"The usual, Joe," said the harried commuter, "gotta catch my train."

The bartender set up 5 Manhattan cocktails in a row and the customer gulped down 3, leaving the 1st and last drinks on the bar. Then he dashed out.

A man standing near by turned to the bartender. "Why'd he leave those 2 drinks?" he asked. "Something wrong with them?"

"Oh, no," shrugged the bartender. "He does it all the time. Says the 1st one always tastes terrible and the last one invariably gets him into trouble at home."—E E KENYON, *American Wkly.*

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A State Dep't official escorting the delegation of Russians who came over to observe the recent Presidential election rep'ts that while the group was motoring in Iowa, they saw several men leave a car on a country road and go into a field carrying guns. The visitors were told that the men were hunters—going to kill pheasants. "Ah," said one, nodding understandingly, "and what had the peasants done?" — QUOTE *Washington Bureau.*

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The teacher had asked her little pupils to tell about their acts of kindness to dumb animals. Many hands were raised as they told their heart-stirring little stories. "And what did you do, Bobby?" the teacher asked one eager hand-raiser. "Well," repl'd Bobby proudly, "I kicked a boy for kicking his dog." — NEAL O'HARA, *McNaught Syndicate.*

If the hand that rocks the cradle rules the world, a good many babies must be rocking themselves these days.—ANN SCHADE.

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Parents of a teen-age daughter are often miss-informed. — CY N PEACE.

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There's nothing like being wound around a woman's finger to cramp a man's style.—VESTA M KELLY.

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More people would be happy if they weren't so busy being gay.—FRANKLIN P JONES.

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Time mends all — except the things you buy on it.—FRANCES RODMAN.

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The trouble is that the early bird sometimes decides to get the worm on the telephone.—RAYMOND DUNCAN.

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Safety belts should be a must for everyone riding in cars; even the back-seat driver should get a belt.—HARRY I SHUMWAY.

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Love may not be blind. Perhaps there are just times when it can't bear to look.—D O FLYNN.

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Some people talk so much, you can read them like a book.—CAROLINE CLARK.

Quote

December

While children eagerly await
The Twenty-Fifth's arrival,
Parents eye the twenty-sixth
And hope for their survival.
—HELEN LEMMON, *Farm Jnl.*

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Paul Porter, Washington att'y, former high gov't official in 2 Democratic administrations, and one of Washington's sharpest wits, on a recent visit to the State Dep't, spotted a booth marked "Information." He strolled over and, in a devilish mood, asked, "What kind of information do you have here?" The young lady in charge replied that she had information about all the world.

"Good," said Porter, "in that case you probably can answer a question that has been puzzling me: What is the for'gn policy of the United States?"

"Oh," said the quite-unperturbed attendant, "we don't have information on that!"—QUOTE *Washington Bureau.* h

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The pres of a mid-western college let it be known that he wanted someone to supply a chair for his school's history dep't. A rancher in a neighboring state wrote that he was prepared to oblige.

Overjoyed, the pres went in person to contact the donor-to-be.

"You go right ahead and get that chair," the rancher boomed heartily. "Get a cushion, too. A man can't do a job right if he stands up all day!" — R. MARTIN MCBRIDE, *Together.* i

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By the time little Emil had asked his mother the umteenth silly question she blurted out at him, "Honestly, having a child like you is really sometimes a punishment for a mother!"

"Oh?" asked Emil at once, very, very interested. "And what did you do to earn such bad punishment?" — *Wochenpost*, E. Berlin (QUOTE translation). j

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Rev Norman Armstrong of Cambridge, England, had this true story to tell of an amusing war-time experience in Cambridge:

"One of our church mbrs went shopping for groceries down in the town and took the small boy evacuee with her. On returning she unloaded the baskets and was startled to find articles she knew nothing about.

"That's all right, Ma," said the boy, 'You look after me and I'll look after you.'—*Cambridge (England) Daily News.* k

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Stalin, Truman and Churchill came before St Peter for adjudication. When they had passed the test the good saint offered to give each of them anything he wanted.

"I want the Americans to go home," said Stalin.

"And I want Russia destroyed," snapped Truman.

There was a twinkle in Churchill's eye and a sly smile on his cherubic face. "Is this on the level?" he asked "Anything I want?"

"Yes, anything," ans'd St Peter. "Well, then," said Churchill, "I'll just have a cigar. But serve these other gentlemen first."—LELAND D. BALDWIN, *The Meaning of America* (Univ of Pittsburgh, Press). l



Party Line

The Egyptian public information office has opened a bureau "to correct all lies broadcast and spread by the enemy." A newspaper notice tells readers to telephone number 56967 and get "the truth about all lies immediately."—News item.

At last the truth, that men have
sought for
Through book and prayers, and
even fought for,
Have given up their wealth and
wives for
And sometimes sacrificed their lives
for,
May with the greatest ease be
known
By dialling a telephone.

Yes, one can be a truth achiever
By simply lifting the receiver
And giving reasonable attention
To what the next voice heard may
mention,
Not merely Weather or Long Dis-
tance,
Which one may get, with some in-
sistence,
But *veritas*, that makes men free,
Available immediately. . . .

What is this 56967,
A line, perhaps, direct to Heaven?

The Dean of the Faculty had a precocious daughter, aged 7. One lovely Sunday evening in spring the little girl was going reluctantly with her mother to Vesper services on Pine Top. "Oh, dear," she said, "I suppose we'll all be doing this till Doomsday." But mother, who never let a difficult word pass unchallenged, said, "Do you know, dear, what Doomsday is?" "Yes," said the child, "The day gravity lets go."—ETHEL SABIN SMITH, *The Dynamics of Aging* (Norton). **m**

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Two girls in the booth next to mine in a Washington restaurant were talking so loudly that their neighbors had no choice but to overhear.

Said one: "We aren't allowed to say 'phone' where I work. We're always supposed to say 'telephone'.

Asked the other: "Where do you work?"

The answer: "At the phone company."—MILDRED S FENNER, editor, *NEA Jnl.* **n**

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Peter Donald has invented what he calls his Elvis Presley Blue Shoes cocktail—2 of them and your girl is easily suade.—CEDRIC ADAMS, *Minneapolis Tribune.* **o**

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A friend of ours hired a stenographer last wk who looked bright and eager. After being given her 1st assignment, she asked our friend if he preferred double or triple space. He told her double space. "On the carbons, too?" she inquired.—*New Yorker.* **p**

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Dr THEODORE S SCHNEIRLA, American Museum of Natural History: "The sharpest human would be far superior to the sharpest chimpanzee. But I am not sure a stupid man would be superior to a stupid chimp." 1-Q-t

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Washington, D C man, signing for a stag Holiday excursion, to see Paris "the way a man should": "I've got to keep this quiet because my old lady thinks I'm going duck hunting." 2-Q-t

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We've had cats that were too lazy to catch a mouse if one walked between their paws. We've had cats who were happy to do a little light mousework. We even had one super-model who could—and did — catch 2 mice simultaneously. But now comes an electric mousetrap which accomodates 5 mice at a setting. This Hollywood-type mousetrap is distributed by *Admiration Plastic Co, Deerfield, Ill.* When plugged into an electrical outlet, inside of plastic, dome-shaped cage is connected to one current pole (whatever that is), floor to the other. Bait-seeking mouse electrocutes himself instantly and bloodlessly,

when he completes circuit by touching both floor and inside of trap. Only the interior carries current, so trap is harmless to children and household pets. Floor can be tilted for easy emptying. \$4.98.

Another electric device to combat another household problem is a low-wattage appliance which protects closets and small enclosed spaces (pianos, tv and hi-fi sets, etc) from dampness and temperature changes. Small lamp-like heating unit diffuses gentle heat which prevents destructive moisture. Mkt'd by *Dampp-Chaser, Inc. Hendersonville, N-C*, tv model is \$5.95; closet model, \$6.95.

